

CLAIMS:

1 1. A method for positioning pulses, comprising the steps of:
2 specifying pulse positioning over time in accordance with a time layout about
3 a time reference,
4 generating a time-hopping code; and
5 mapping pulses over the time layout based on the time hopping code, wherein
6 a pulse can be placed at any location within said time layout.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said time reference is a time position of a
2 pulse.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said pulse is a preceding pulse.

1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein said pulse is a succeeding pulse.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said time reference is at least one of a fixed
2 and a non-fixed time reference.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said time hopping code has a predefined
2 property.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the pre-defined property is at least one of
2 spectral properties and correlation properties.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the correlation property comprises at least one
2 of autocorrelation properties and cross-correlation properties.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein said time-hopping code comprises at least one
2 of a hyperbolic congruential code, quadratic congruential code, linear congruential code,
3 Welch-Costas array code, Golomb-Costas array code, pseudorandom code, chaotic code, and
4 Optimal Golomb Ruler code.

1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the time layout is comprised of a plurality of
2 frames.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said frame is comprised of a plurality of
2 sub-frames.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein said sub-frame is comprised of a plurality of
2 smaller components.

1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein said smaller components are further
2 subdivided.

1 14. The method claim 1, wherein the time layout is a delta value layout.

1 15. An impulse transmission system comprising:

2 a Time Modulated Ultra Wideband Transmitter;

3 a Time Modulated Ultra Wideband Receiver; and

4 said Time Modulated Ultra Wideband Transmitter and said Time Modulated
5 Ultra Wideband Receiver employ a time-hopping code, wherein said code specifies pulse
6 positioning over time in accordance with a time layout about a time reference, and a pulse
7 can be placed at any location within said time layout.

1 16. The impulse transmission system of claim 15, wherein said time reference is a
2 time position of a pulse.

1 17. The impulse transmission system of claim 16, wherein said pulse is a
2 preceding pulse.

1 18. The impulse transmission system of claim 16, wherein said pulse is a
2 succeeding pulse.

1 19. The impulse transmission system of claim 15, wherein said time reference is at
2 least one of a fixed and a non-fixed time reference.

1 20. The impulse transmission system of claim 15, wherein said time hopping code
2 has a predefined property.

1 21. The impulse transmission system of claim 20, wherein the pre-defined
2 property is at least one of spectral properties and correlation properties.

1 22. The impulse transmission system of claim 21, wherein the correlation property
2 comprises at least one of autocorrelation properties and cross-correlation properties.

1 23. The impulse transmission system of claim 15, wherein said time-hopping code
2 comprises at least one of a hyperbolic congruential code, quadratic congruential code, linear
3 congruential code, Welch-Costas array code, Golomb-Costas array code, pseudorandom
4 code, chaotic code, and Optimal Golomb Ruler code.

1 24. The impulse transmission system of claim 15, wherein the time layout is
2 comprised of a plurality of frames.

1 25. The impulse transmission system of claim 24, wherein said frame is comprised
2 of a plurality of sub-frames.

1 26. The impulse transmission system of claim 25, wherein said sub-frame is
2 comprised of a plurality of smaller components.

1 27. The impulse transmission system of claim 26, wherein said smaller
2 components are further subdivided.

1 28. The impulse transmission system claim 15, wherein the time layout is a delta
2 alue layout.
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